

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH, 1855;

AND

THE REPORT

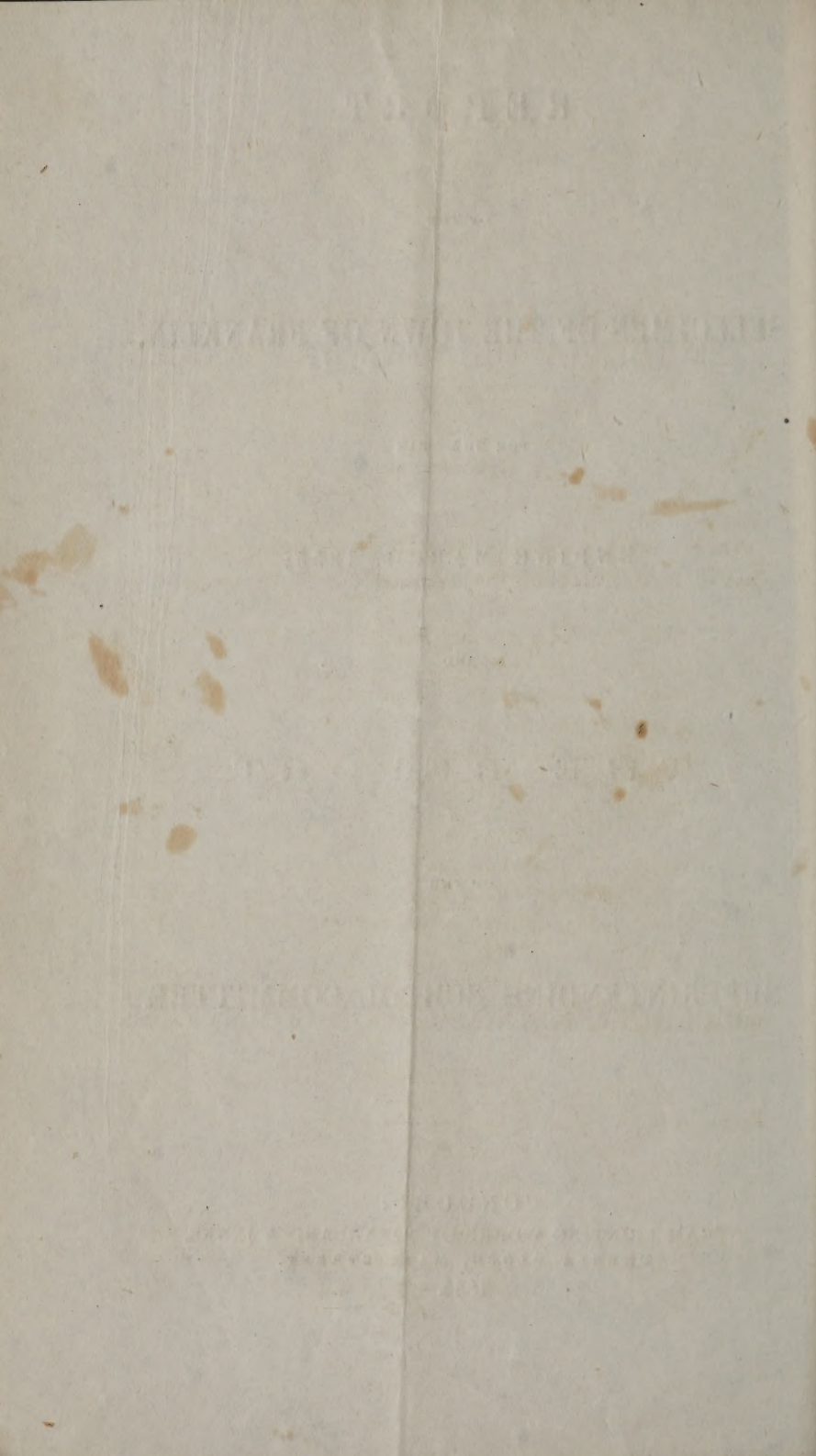
OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CONCORD:

STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF McFARLAND & JENKS,
PHENIX BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

1855.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

MARCH, 1855.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums, viz.:

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| Cash of Thomas R. White, late Treasurer, | 4,39 |
| Daniel Osgood, on note, | 20,00 |
| State Treasurer—Literary Fund, | 76,17 |
| Harvey N. Ingalls, on note, | 105,00 |
| County Treasurer, for County paupers, | 98,65 |
| Town of Gilmanton, for Myron Evans, | 53,03 |
| State Treasurer—Railroad Tax, | 660,32 |
| Moses Pervere, for wood sold, | 55,56 |
| Moses Pervere, for produce sold, &c., | 31,50 |
| Moses Pervere, from John L. Colby, | 32,73 |
| Taxes assessed on residents, 1854, | 2,367,02 |
| Taxes assessed on non-residents, 1854, | 23,23 |
| Taxes assessed on non-resident highway, | 16,28 |
| Balance of tax, 1853, | 71,71 |
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| | \$3.615,59 |

Which is accounted for as follows:

TOWN EXPENSES.

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| To cash paid G. Parker Lyon, for books, | 1,80 |
| Expense taking inventory, | 4,62 |
| Expense on Roads, | 3,75 |
| Expense to Gilmanton, | 2,34 |
| Expense to Benton, | 6,65 |
| Expense to Concord—County paupers, | 3,30 |
| Expense perambulating Town lines, | 1,35 |

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| Expense to Concord—Railroad money, | 1,58 |
| Morrill & Silsby—Town Clerk, | 1,50 |
| J. N. Hunkins engine, | 5,00 |
| Stephen Kenrick, services as Selectman, | 45,00 |
| Stephen Kenrick, as Treasurer, | 10,00 |
| John J. Sanborn, as Selectman, | 5,38 |
| Horace Noyes, as Selectman, | 32,25 |
| School books, | 75 |
| J. F. Daniell, engineer's badges, | 6,34 |
| Harvey N. Ingalls, enrolling militia, | 6,00 |
| O. B. Davis's bill, | 7,38 |
| Dr. S. B. Kelly, for engine, | 1,07 |
| Engine-men, | 60,00 |
| Expenses for engine, | 2,58 |
| Jonathan Leavitt, collecting tax, 1853, | 1,00 |
| Jonathan Leavitt, collecting tax, 1854, | 38,50 |
| Daniell & Bradbury, | 1,64 |
| Board of Selectmen, | 15,00 |
| Stationery, | 1,00 |
| Auditors, | 3,00 |
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| | \$268,78 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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| To cash paid Richard Judkins—land damages, | 7,00 |
| Isaac Proctor—land damages, | 16,00 |
| Lorenzo D. Colby—land damages, | 7,00 |
| John L. Colby—land damages, | 5,00 |
| For Plank, | 31,97 |
| Simeon R. Brown—stone work, | 35,00 |
| Leavitt & Tuttle—plank, | 9,00 |
| Robert Colby, | 2,00 |
| Charles Clark—bridge, | 17,50 |
| David Clark—bridge, | 1,34 |
| Amos Fifield—plank, | 1,90 |
| Ezra Austin—land damages, | 5,00 |
| Simeon R. Brown, | 5,33 |
| Joseph M. Fellows, | 3,87 |

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| James Cate, | 1,00 |
| M. M. Burbank, | 7,50 |
| James L. Peabody, | 5,96 |
| Stillman Severance, | 10,44 |
| Lyman Cheney, | 1,25 |
| John W. Rowe, | 1,00 |
| Jonathan Leavett, | 1,25 |
| Francis Shaw, | 10,20 |
| Edward Colby, | 18,40 |
| Franklin Mills, | 6,84 |
| James Clark, | 5,00 |
| Charles Clark, | 4,50 |
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| | \$221,25 |

EXPENSES POOR FARM.

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| To cash paid Ebenezer B. Colby, sawing shingles, | 15,31 |
| J. W. Clement, | 5,50 |
| For corn, | 15,00 |
| Moses Pervere, salary, | 200,00 |
| Moses Pervere, bill sundries, | 93,15 |
| James Colburn, bill goods, | 62,64 |
| David Gilchrist, " " | 38,88 |
| Doctors Kelly and Knight, | 35,00 |
| John White, bill goods, | 9,91 |
| White & Bailey, | 44,50 |
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| | \$519,89 |

EXTERNAL POOR.

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| To cash paid Doct. Knight, for Myron Evans, | 6,50 |
| Hiram Fifield, | 5,00 |
| Town of Benton, for Mrs. Kimball, | 13,50 |
| Town of Hanover, for Mrs. Jackson, | 3,00 |

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| Gardner Colby, for Mrs. Peabody's child, | 1,50 |
| David Gilchrist, " " " | 3,00 |
| David Gilchrist, for John B. Clay, | 4,00 |
| James Colburn, for John B. Clay, | 6,72 |
| John Pettingal, for W. Taylor's child, | 13,00 |
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| | \$56,22 |

COUNTY PAUPERS.

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| To cash paid Samuel Judkins for Horace Peabody, | 25,50 |
| Joseph Scribner, wood for J. Gardner, | 2,00 |
| James Colburn, goods for J. Gardner, | 7,36 |
| J. Colburn, goods for Horace Peabody, | 4,19 |
| E. Stone & Co., goods for Horace Peabody, | 3,20 |
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| | 42,25 |

SCHOOL MONEY.

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| To cash paid School District No. 1, | 109,80 |
| 2, | 77,46 |
| 3, | 238,28 |
| 4, | 73,49 |
| 5, | 82,29 |
| 6, | 67,19 |
| 7, | 11,79 |
| 8, | 68,78 |
| 9, | 69,66 |
| 10, in part, | 101,22 |
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| | 899,96 |
| To cash paid State tax, | 314,30 |
| County do., | 418,00 |
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| | 732,30 |
| Abatement of taxes for 1853, | 14,11 |
| " " " 1854, | 28,68 |
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

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| To cash paid Wm. T. Savage, as Superintending School Committee, | 17,00 |
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| Orrin J. Waite, as Superintending | |
| School Committee, | 23,75 |
| O. B. Davis, expense small pox, | 3,00 |
| Franklin Mills, " " " | 23,00 |
| Jonathan P. Sanborn, " " | 2,00 |
| John Collins, expense " " | 10,00 |
| | <hr/> 78,75 |

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

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| To cash paid Stillman Severance, | 9,37 |
| " " " John Colby, jr., | 2,74 |
| " " " McFarland & Jenks, | 14,00 |
| " " " Abner Kimball, | 2,50 |
| " " " J. N. Hunkins, | 5,00 |
| " " " Gardner Colby, | 1,25 |
| " " " Samuel Pike, | 11,00 |
| " " " School District No. 10, | 106,00 |
| " " " Nathan Gage, | 4,00 |
| " " " John Hancock, | 1,00 |
| " " " Jeremiah F. Daniell, Engine, | 172,67 |
| | <hr/> \$329,53 |

SUNDRY CLAIMS DUE THE TOWN.

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| Balance on Harvey N. Ingalls' note, | 78,71 |
| " " Taxes for 1854, | 177,85 |
| " Due for County Paupers, | 16,75 |
| | <hr/> 273,31 |

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

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| Due School District No. 10, | 100,00 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Amount of money received by the treasurer, | \$3.615,59 |
| Which is accounted for as follows : | |
| Town Expenses, | 268,78 |
| Highways and Bridges, | 221,25 |
| Poor Farm, | 519,89 |
| External Poor, | 56,22 |
| County Paupers, | 42,25 |

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| Support of Schools, | 899,96 | |
| State Tax, | 314,30 | |
| County Tax, | 418,00 | |
| Abatement of Taxes for 1853, | 14,11 | |
| Abatement of Taxes for 1854, | 28,69 | |
| Incidental Expenses, | 78,75 | |
| Outstanding Claims, | 329,53 | |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1854, | 177,85 | |
| Cash on hand, | 246,61 | |
| | | <u>3.615,59</u> |

STATEMENT OF POOR FARM.

Dr.

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| Inventory, Feb. 27, 1854, | 1.036,34 | |
| Sundry bills, including overseer's wages, | 519,89 | <u>\$1.556,23</u> |

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| Inventory, Feb. 17, 1855, | 1.038,10 | |
| Nathaniel Bean's furniture removed, | 17,50 | |
| Cash rec'd by treasurer for produce sold by overseer, | 26,64 | <u>\$1.082,24</u> |

Expense of Poor Farm, \$473,99

All of which is respectfully submitted :

STEPHEN KENRICK, } *Selectmen*
 HORACE NOYES, } *of Franklin.*

The undersigned, auditors of accounts for the year ending March 13, 1855, for the Town of Franklin, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES CLARK, }
 THS. R. WHITE, } *Auditors.*
 ISAAC HALE, }

AGES OF INMATES AT ALMS-HOUSE.

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| Mrs. Jane Clark, | 88 years. |
| Polly Quimby, | 63 |
| Sally Clark, | 58 |
| Gilman Robertson, | 58 |
| John P. Clark, | 62 |
| Rosina Sandborn, | 38 |
| Theodore Sandborn, | 12 |

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee, in due conformity with the duties entrusted to their care, present the following report of the condition of the schools for the past town year :

The whole number of scholars, 386. Whole number in Summer, 250 ; in Winter, 275. Average length of schools in Summer, in weeks, $8\frac{4}{5}$; in Winter, $10\frac{7}{10}$. All the Teachers in Summer were females ; in Winter, 7 males and 3 females. Whole amount of School Money, \$1.002,78. For further items, reference is made to accompanying statistical table.

All the schools have been visited twice in Summer and the same in Winter, number 5 excepted. To make these visits more certain, an arrangement was made by the members of the Committee, that each person should be responsible for certain districts hereafter mentioned, and which are reported by the person who visited them ; while numbers 3 and 10 were visited by the whole committee, and so reported.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This district has two departments. The Primary Department was taught Summer and Winter by Miss Augusta Clement. The Summer school was much affected by the extreme warm weather, and on examination appeared uneasy. Progress in studies, average. The Winter school appeared well ; order good, progress in studies above average. The committee were pleased with the appearance and progress of the school.

Miss Catharine White had charge of the advanced school ; order good and progress satisfactory. Mr. Noah M. Proctor taught here in Winter. The order, correctness and promptness of the school were highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Eliza Randall was instructress in Summer. Her ability to instruct was excellent ; progress was made during the first term.

During the second school the order was not so apparent. Doubtless the condition and location of the house, warm weather and largeness of the school, coupled with improper conduct of certain children out of the district, who made noises around the school-house and otherwise disturbed the school, had much to do in destroying order; still we think that the government was decidedly defective.

The Committee take occasion to say, that no district should allow the children of another district to disturb their school in any way; and we recommend that prompt measures be taken by the district to disapprove of such intermeddling whenever it makes its appearance.

Mr. H. Hodgdon had charge here in Winter, and succeeded admirably both in government and teaching.

REPORTED BY MR. WAIT.—DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Hannah Hale taught this school in Summer. Order and progress of school good.

Mr. N. M. Proctor had charge in Winter, and succeeded with his usual ability.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term was taught by Miss B. Simonds, who succeeded in her duties to satisfaction of committee. Miss Caroline Hancock taught here in Winter; order good; correctness and promptness of school were satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term was under the care of Miss Lydia T. Kimball; order and progress average. Had there been a little more promptness and animation manifested, the school would have appeared better. The Winter school was taught by Mr. Solon T. Hill, and it appeared well at the close, and showed that a decided mind had had charge. The committee were sorry to learn that Mr. Henry Shaw caused some uneasiness in the school for a short time, which resulted in the withdrawal of his children. The teacher must be *master*, and in the above case doubtless done his duty. Order, impartial and wholesome, must be sustained. If parents have grievances to be redressed they have no right to go to the school-room for the purpose. The law is plain and direct.

REPORTED BY MR. SAVAGE.—DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer school in this district was kept by Miss Julia A. Field. She appears to have been faithful in her efforts to perform

her duties as a teacher. The school was well kept and the scholars appeared to have made commendable progress in their studies.

The Winter school was kept by Mr. A. L. Greeley. There was a want of appropriate vigor in the government of this school, which detracted somewhat from its usefulness. The teacher was young and inexperienced. Some progress, however, was made, and the school was not a total failure.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

In Summer, the school was kept by Miss Sarah L. Hancock. On visiting it, near its close, the committee found three scholars present. They were not asleep, but appeared as well as could be expected under such circumstances. Of course, little or nothing can be reported of this school.

The Winter school, kept by Miss Betsey Simonds, was a good school. It was well taught and governed by a competent mistress, and, at its close, appeared to have attained unto full success.

REPORTED BY MR. GOODWIN.—DISTRICT NO. 5.

Was not visited in Summer, because Mr. B. was not notified of the commencement nor close of school. Mr. Little taught here in Winter, and his school was visited once by Mr. Wait. The school appeared well at this visit, and doubtless Mr. L. ~~done~~ his duty, as no complaint has appeared.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Foss was instructress in Summer. Her labors were quite satisfactory; as was also Mr. Cross, who had charge in Winter. These teachers' mode was much the same in drilling the classes, especially in Colburn.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—No Report.

R E M A R K S .

It must be evident to all, that if we would have good schools, the parents must co-operate with the teachers; and when any trying case arises, they must exercise calmness, and join with their teacher in enforcing good order and thoroughness in studies, and give their children to understand that they are sent to school to *obey*.

Order and cleanliness of the school-house have much to do with the feelings and enterprise of children. Dingy walls, broken benches, and especially *unswept floors* are decidedly injurious to the school. A school teacher, who allows the floor to go unswept from week to week, or one day even, is hardly fit to have charge of a school. A dirty house and dull scholars are generally found in the same place; and when the scholars are large enough to sweep, and do not, they manifest a want of neatness, as well as the teacher. The committee could apply this by calling names, but trust a hint will do better.

More regularity in attendance of scholars is earnestly recommended. On an average, some of our schools lose one fourth, by irregularity. Besides this, it breaks up order in classes and injures the whole school.

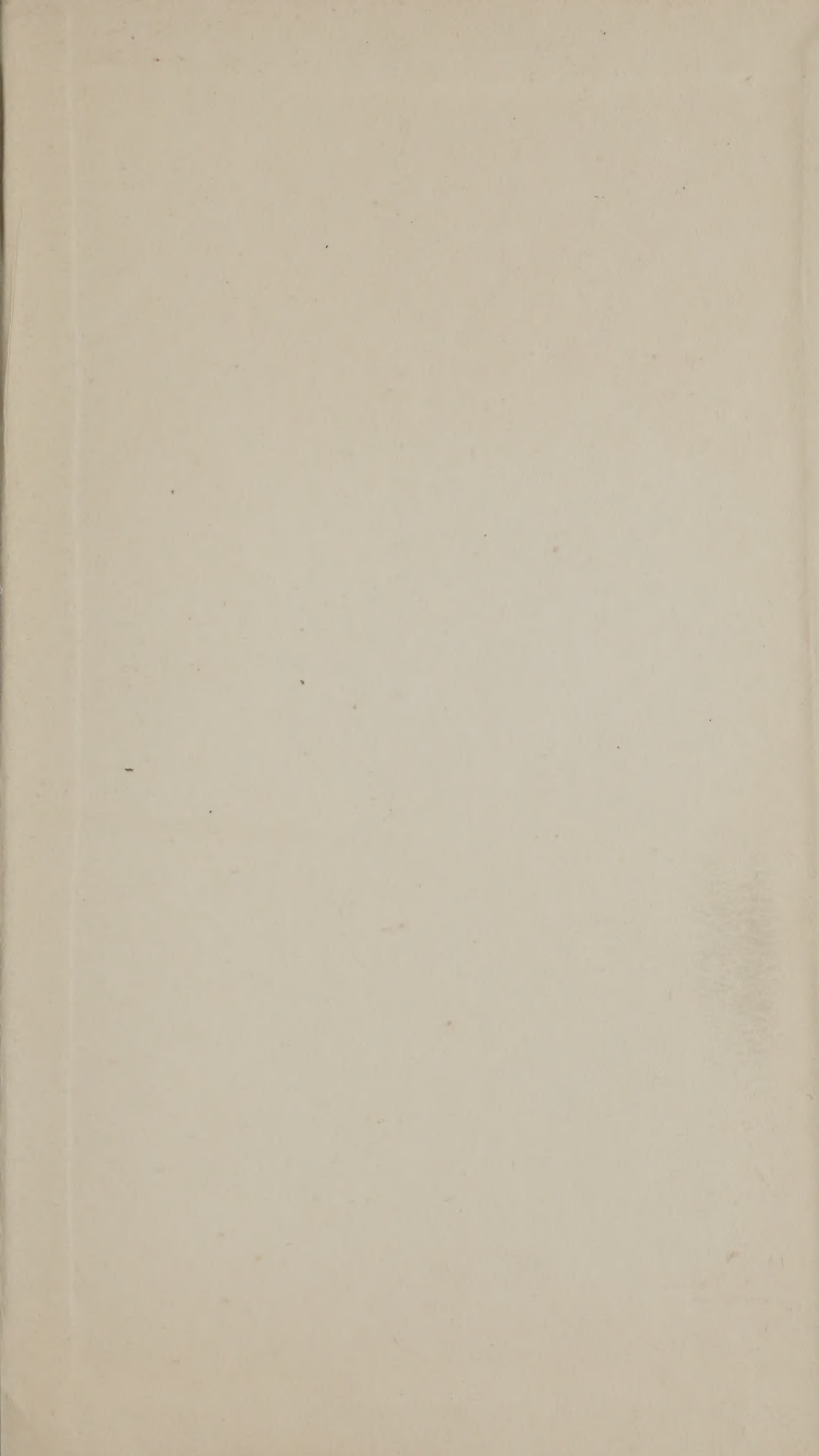
The committee publish a list of books used in the schools, and earnestly request that those who purchase books, purchase these and no others. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| O. J. WAIT, | } | <i>Superintending School Committee.</i> |
| WM. T. SAVAGE, | | |
| M. B. GOODWIN, | | |

✓ LIST OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

Town's Series of Reading Books;
 Weld's Grammar;
 Smith's Geography and Atlas;
 Mitchell's Primary Geography;
 Emerson's Primary Arithmetic;
 Adams' Revised Arithmetic;
 Colburn's Mental Arithmetic.

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